

TOWN OF FORT SMITH

TOURISM & RECREATION SERVICES

- 1 Roberta Bondar Observatory
- 2 Queen Elizabeth Park and Campground
- 3 Flat World Alpaca Farm
- 4 Kay Ferguson Park
- 5 Soccer Field
- 6 Herb Mercredi Park
- 7 Snowboard Park and Lookout
- 8 NWT Métis Cree and Chipewyan Program
- 9 Tennis Courts
- 10 Track & Field Grounds and Soccer Field
- 11 Northern Life Museum & Cultural Center
- 12 Recreation and Community Centre
- 12 Community Pool
- 12 Curling Club
- 13 Centennial Arena
- 14 Fort Smith Mission Historic Park
- 15 Joan's Health & Fitness Club
- 16 Wood Buffalo National Park Office
- 16 Visitor Information Centre
- 17 Gateway Park (Trans Canada Trail)
- 18 Conibear Park
- 19 Harry Sudom Ball Park and Johnny Ayers Ball Park
- 20 Kid City Playground
- 21 Pelican Rapids Golf Club (Seasonal)

COMMUNITY SERVICES & SCHOOLS

- 1 Joseph Burr Tyrrell Elementary School
- 2 Paul W. Kaeser Secondary School
- 3 Mary Kaeser Library
- 4 Aurora College, Thebacha Campus
- 5 Fort Smith Animal Shelter
- 6 SRFN Business & Conference Centre
- 7 Town Hall
- 8 Fire Hall
- 9 Sunset Chalet
- 10 Northern Lights Special Care Home
- 11 Health Centre
- 12 Service Canada
- 12 Post Office
- 13 Royal Canadian Mounted Police

PLACES TO EAT/LOUNGES

- 1 Tim Horton's
- 2 Chase's Pit Stop
- 3 Berro's Pizzeria
- 4 NSixty
- 5 The Hawkeye Hut (Seasonal/Inside Arena)
- 6 Kentucky Fried Chicken/Pizza Hut Quickstop
- 7 Royal Canadian Legion
- 8 Dirty O'Fergies
- 8 Pelican Restaurant
- 9 Desnedé Farmers Market (Seasonal)
- 10 Anna's Home Cooking
- 11 Pelican Rapids Golf Club (Seasonal)

HOTELS/BED & BREAKFASTS

- 1 The Whooping Crane Guest House (872-3426)
- 2 Wood Buffalo Inn (872-3222)
- 3 Whispering Pines Cottages (872-2628)
- 4 Earl Jacobson Suite Rental (872-2284)
- 5 Pelican Rapids Inn (872-2789)
- 6 Whispering Pines Cottages (872-2628)
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FUEL, AUTO REPAIR & VEHICLE RENTAL

- 1 Petro-Canada
- 2 JC's Auto Detailing
- 3 Chase's Pit Stop
- 4 N.U. Mechanical Car Wash
- 5 Fort Smith Métis Car Wash
- 6 Fort Smith Construction - Visa Truck Rentals Representative
- 6 Guy's Tire Repair
- 7 RDV Mechanical
- 8 TDC Contracting
- 9 Rapid Petroleum Products (Card lock/credit cards only)

CHURCHES

- 1 Pentecostal Church
- 2 Saint Joseph Cathedral
- 3 Saint John's Anglican Church
- 4 Baptist Church

ARTS & CRAFTS

- 1 Northern Life Museum & Cultural Center
- 2 Visitor Information Centre
- 3 Pelican Rapids Inn
- 4 Desnedé Farmers Market (Seasonal)
- 5 Joan's Health & Fitness Club

RETAIL OUTLETS

- 1 Petro-Canada
- 2 Lou's Small Engines (Propane)
- 3 NSixty
- 4 Field's
- 5 Chase's Pit Stop
- 6 Northern Hound Supply
- 7 Liquor Store
- 8 Kaeser's Stores (Propane & NT Fishing Licences)
- 9 Wally's Drugs
- 10 Northern Store (Propane)
- 11 Home Hardware
- 12 TDC Contracting
- 13 Ace Building Supplies
- 14 Ink and Iron Beauty Salon
- 15 Roots and Ruminants (Seasonal)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 Airport
- 2 Boat Launch
- 3 Recycling Depot
- 4 Cascade Graphics
- 5 Uncle Gabe's Friendship Centre
- 6 Kobaisy Dental Centre
- 7 Roaring Rapids Hall
- 8 Bank of Montreal
- 9 Rapids of the Drowned

INDEPENDENT ARTISTS

- Aurora Heat (www.auroraheat.ca)
- Pierre Chaillon, Photography (872-0718)
- Chris DeWolf, Jewelry (872-5547)
- Betty Dixon, Native Hand Crafts (872-4456)
- Jon Labine, Metal & Wood Art (872-0708)
- Mike Labine, Stained Glass (872-3009)

AIR CHARTERS & FLIGHT-SEEING

- Loon Air Inc. (872-2864)
- Northwestern Air Lease Ltd. (872-2216)
- Reliance Air Ltd. (872-4004)
- Thebacha Helicopters Ltd. (872-4354)

OUTFITTERS & FISHING LODGES

- Andrew Lake Lodge (Fishing Lodge 872-5272)

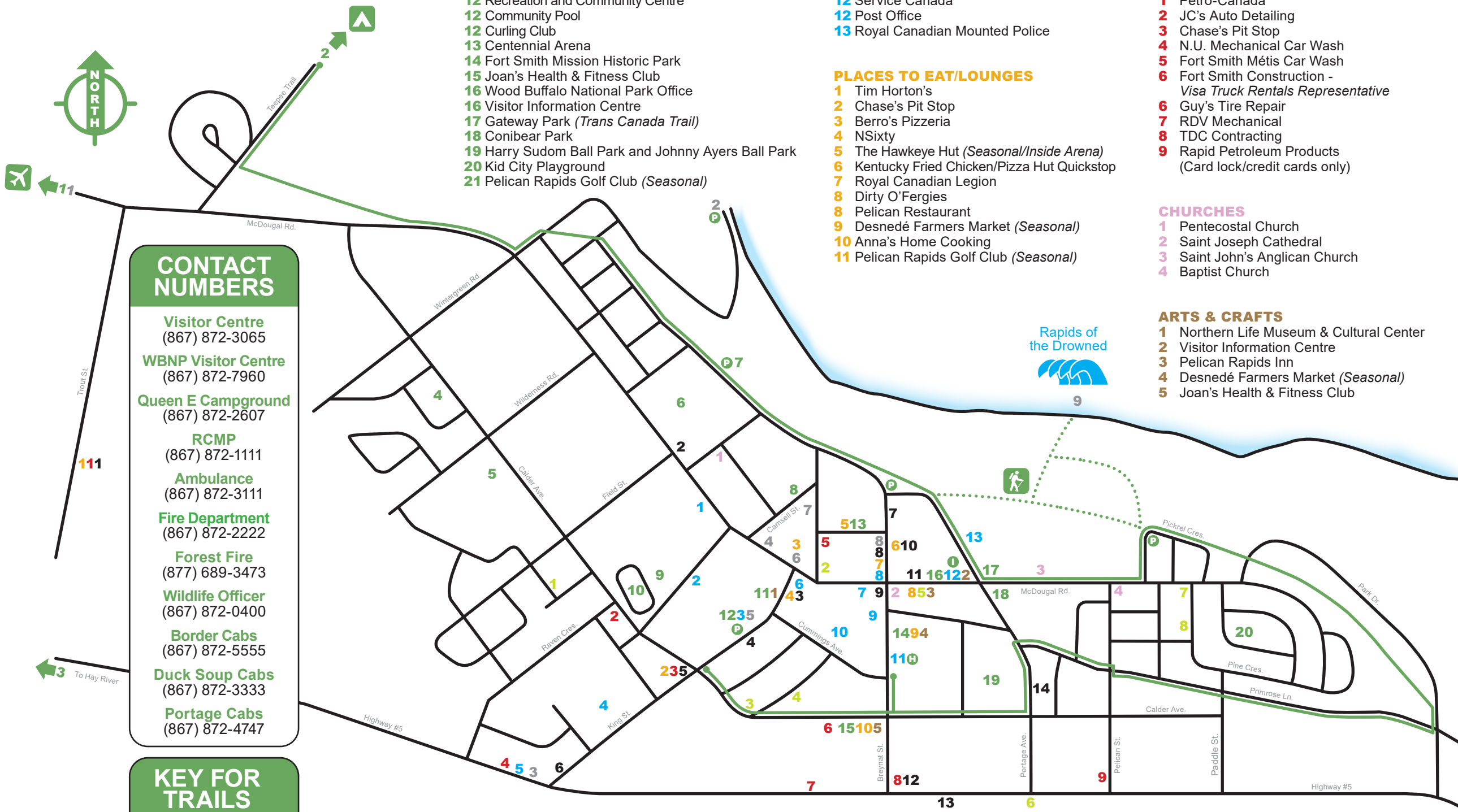


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To Fort Fitzgerald,
Wood Buffalo National Park,
4 Mile Lake Float Plane Base

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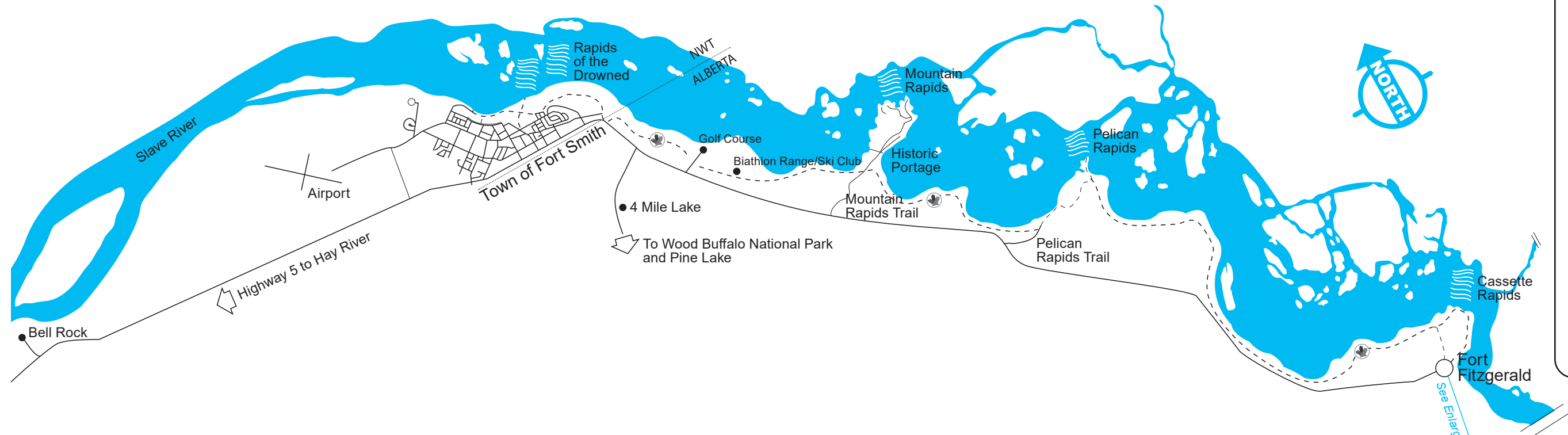
CONTACT NUMBERS

- Visitor Centre**
(867) 872-3065
- WBNP Visitor Centre**
(867) 872-7960
- Queen E Campground**
(867) 872-2607
- RCMP**
(867) 872-1111
- Ambulance**
(867) 872-3111
- Fire Department**
(867) 872-2222
- Forest Fire**
(877) 689-3473
- Wildlife Officer**
(867) 872-0400
- Border Cabs**
(867) 872-5555
- Duck Soup Cabs**
(867) 872-3333
- Portage Cabs**
(867) 872-4747

KEY FOR TRAILS

- Thebacha Trail
- Walking Paths
- Driving/Roads

SLAVE RIVER RAPIDS CORRIDOR



DRIVING DISTANCES	
Rapids of the Drowned Below Town	
Golf Course	4km/2.5 miles
Mountain Rapids	8km/5 miles
Bell Rock	12km/7.5 miles
Pelican Rapids	12km/7.5 miles
Fort Fitzgerald	25km/15.5 miles
Salt River Day Use	27km/16.75 miles
Pine Lake	62km/38.5 miles
Peace Point	119km/74 miles
Hay River	265km/165 miles

THE GREAT TRAIL

Whether you are looking for a place to hike, cycle, paddle, ride, cross-country ski or snowmobile, you can find an experience along one of this area's trail sections. Many of these trails are connected to Canada's "Great Trail", the longest recreational trail in the world.

In Fort Smith, this section of the Great Trail has both land and water components. The entire Slave River, from the Peace-Athabasca Delta in Alberta to Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories, is part of the Great Trail as a water route.

On land, the Trail follows the 30 km portage route around the four sets of Slave River rapids, and then continues to where the Salt River meets the Slave River. This stretch of the Trail is known as the Desnedhe Discovery Trail. See descriptions of these trail routes in the sections below.

RAPIDS OF THE DROWNED - SLAVE RIVER

This short hike (2-3 km) is located next to the downtown area of Fort Smith and is the best spot to see American White Pelicans close up! The hike leads you to an outcropping of rocks next to the rapids. Another must-do hike while you are in Fort Smith. You can access the trailhead from Pickerel Cr. where there is a small parking space for one or two vehicles. Or you can park along Marine Dr. just past the arena and access a steeper trail leading down to the river and Rapids of the Drowned.

MOUNTAIN RAPIDS

- Drive south from Fort Smith towards Fort Fitzgerald for about 8km, just past the golf course and look for a dirt road that turns left.
- Down that road about 2 km through a jack pine forest there is an open area with a wonderful view of the rapids.
- A little further and you come to an interpretive sign that explains how the voyageurs packed their goods at this point over the 'Mountain' in order to avoid navigating these perilous rapids.
- Walk down the trail on your left to explore the shoreline or continue up the small hill on foot where the hydro lines will soon appear on your left. You can walk parallel to them until the trail comes to a dead end down a steep hill.
- Go left again and follow the trail along the crest of a narrow ridge that drops off at each side.
- At the furthest end you will come to another interpretive sign that announces 'The White Pelican Study Area'. From here the trail drops fast to the river's edge.
- When you arrive to the site you will be able to see the secluded pelican nesting islands. If you brought your binoculars you may be lucky enough to see a chick.

PELICAN RAPIDS

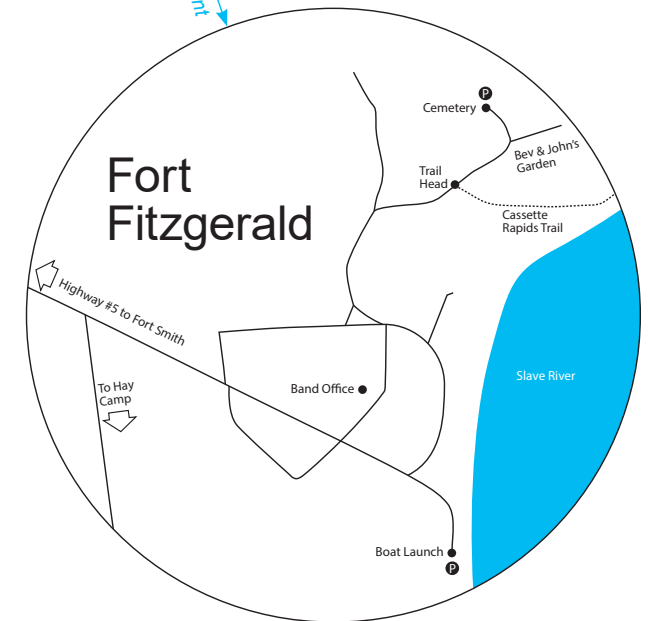
- Start the brisk 45-60 minute walk, (also a great bike ride), at the 'Halfway' meadows, which are halfway between Fort Smith and Fort Fitzgerald. Park in the field and follow the old roadway east for about a kilometre until it ends at the river.
- A footpath branches to the right, dips down to a muddy

creek, then climbs the hill again. The roar of the rapids will increase as you near the end of the trail.

- Soon you are on a shrub-covered bluff overlooking the river. Keep left down the hill and onto the peninsula of pink granite stretching way out into the tumultuous river. It is awesome! You won't want to leave.

CASSETTE RAPIDS

- Drive south from Fort Smith about 24 km to Fort Fitzgerald.
- Follow the road to the river then to the left as it winds back up the hill past a building on your left and three houses on your right and then branches to the right.
- A few hundred meters and you come to a road on the right with a sign to the rapids. You can leave your vehicle parked to the side.
- Keep to the right and almost immediately there is a wooded path leading down with another sign that says 'To the Rapids'. Take the path to view Cassette Rapids. The woods are thick but the path is easy to follow.
- Seven minutes down the trail there's a lookout on the right, a grey shoulder of granite jutting out into the current.
- Another five minutes and you should be just above the first set of these rapids.
- You can continue on to see more of the rapids and do the full loop by following the trail up a hill and through the woods for about 30 minutes before you reach the clearing from an old farm site.
- From there you follow a sandy road and then turn left back onto the trail to your vehicle.



- While you are here you should also take a look at the unique Fort Fitzgerald grave site with stones from over a hundred years ago. As you tread this land, please remember to treat it with respect as it belongs to Smith's Landing First Nation.

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